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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Re. In the Matter of Telephone Number Portability, CC Docket No. 95-116

Dear Ms Dortch:

Today. Cronan O'Connell representing Qwest Communications International Inc., met with Paul Margie, Spectrum and International Legal Advisor to Commissioner Michael Cobbs of the Federal Communications Commission. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss intermodal telephone number portability issues as they relate to local number portability. The discussion was consistent with Qwest's comments as filed on the record in this proceeding and as reflected in the attached presentation

In accordance with Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, the original and two copies of this letter and attachment are being filed with your office for inclusion in the public record of this proceeding.

Acknowledgment and date of receipt of this submission are requested. A duplicate of this letter is included for this purpose.

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Intermodal LNP Talking Points

- 1. Qwest is very concerned about wireline consumer and business consequences if the FCC mandates LNP outside the rate center. The FCC should either defer intermodal LNP between wireline and wireless providers and issue an FNPRM or the FCC should affirm that its <u>current</u> rules apply to wireline and wireless intermodal LNP -- it's service provider portability
- 2. Before we get to the technical and legal issues, we need to discuss the consequences for the wireline consumer. In a nutshell, customer confusion which is not in the public interest. Wireline consumers today understand the boundaries of local and toll calls. Much confusion will occur if LNP is implemented outside the rate center because consumers will now inadvertently make and be billed for toll calls that were once local.
 - **a.** Customers, in some instances, will not be able to port from a wireless to wireline provider *"It all depends"* and this is the last thing customers want to hear as they attempt to order service
 - b. Example where the inaccurate billing can occur
- 3 Compound that with the LEC Business Consequences
 - a Disadvantages wireline companies
 - b Effects local rates
 - c Requires significant reform of intercarrier compensation
 - d Requires state commission review
 - e Could require local switch generic upgrades and network routing modifications in some cases
- **4.** Solution How <u>can we achieve</u> number portability without negative consequences on consumers or the business?
 - f Rate centers are the fundamental boundaries under which service provider portability is implemented
 - g Wireline and Wireless LNP should be implemented within the rate center
 - h Customers can even physically move within the rate center and take their telephone number

5. Finally, as a legal matter, the Commission can not **change** the definition of LNP through the CTIA petition This is not a clarification but a rule change.